Joint Swiss-UNITAR Briefing on United Nations Budgetary Matters

Cross-fertilizing Knowledge

Briefing

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Duration: 4 days

Topics: Governance, Multilateral Diplomacy, UN System

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Background

The UN system is mainly financed through assessed and voluntary contributions from Member States. The UN Specialized Agencies are funded partly through assessments and voluntary contributions. The course will go through the Regular Budget, the Peacekeeping Budget, and the international tribunals’ budget, which are funded through assessments. Also, this course will explore how the UN Programmes and Funds are financed through voluntary contributions from Member States. The participation of UN officials and elected chairs of the ACABQ and JIU, as well as the role of those institutions in the budget delivering process is of paramount importance to new delegates. The Fifth Committee as a General Assembly specialized policy making process is a critical part of understanding the UN Budget System.

Activity Objectives

At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

• Describe the structure and form of United Nations resolutions and decisions on the Budget;
• Apply this improved understanding and enhanced skills when drafting resolutions in the Fifth Committee;
• Distinguish the rules and practices relating to the adoption of resolutions in the Fifth Committee.